

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification and claims 1, 4, 5, 7 and 8 have been amended. Claims 2-3 have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 4-10 are pending and under consideration.

OBJECTIONS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

The title of the invention is deemed to not be descriptive. A new title is submitted herein.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112:

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

It is respectfully submitted that the present amendments overcome the rejection.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102:

Claims 1-2 and 4-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Ishikawa et al.

Independent claim 1 recites a contact unit comprising first through fourth plates and a spacer between the second plate and the third plate. The spacer defines a through hole to receive contactors of the socket body.

In contrast, Kazama does not disclose the claimed arrangement of plates and a spacer. Kazama discloses plates 2-4, but no spacer. Kazama, FIG.1.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1, and claims 4-6 depending therefrom is requested.

Independent claim 7 recites the contact unit comprising a positioning portion fitting into the hole of the circuit board, the contact unit being positioned on the circuit board by the positioning portion, even if there is a clearance between the frame and the contact unit. It is respectfully submitted that Kazama does not disclose these features.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103:

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishikawa et al.

Claim 3 is cancelled herein. Accordingly, the rejection is moot.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

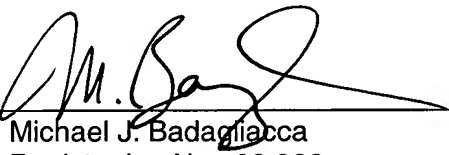
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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